(b) if so, the details of the places and pollution centres visited by the team and part played in control of pollution in the State, as appeared in media; and

(c) whether this team has also visited other areas for this purpose, if so, the details thereof with the message spread?

THE MINKTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS^ FORESTS (SHRIDILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) to (c) Greenpeace team conducted a rally at Rourkela in Orissa and distributed leaflets on various environmental issues. The team did not interact with the State Government or the Orissa State Pollution Control Board before or during their visit.

Illegal Cutting of Trees

†5164. SHRIMATIPREMA CARIAPPA:

SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints from MPs regarding corruption in the Department of Forests and that of cutting down the trees against the rules by ignoring the environment in UP;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken in this regard, so far; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per available information, three complaints have been received in the last one year. The details are as follows:

Name of the MP	Complaint regarding
ShriBalbirK.Punj Shri Jayanta Rongpi Shri Shrinivas Patil	Felling of trees in NOIDA. Attempts to demolish Rahul Nagar, a village in Pilibhit District of Uttar Pradesh and forceful eviction of villagers by local administration and corrupt forest officials. Demanding money from tourists by forest officials of Koyana wildlife sanctuary.

(c) and (d) A s forest protection and other related issues at field level are primarily the responsibility of the State Government, these specific cases have

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been referred to the Government of Uttar Pradesh for appropriate action and the Members of Parliament have been informed accordingly.

Most Polluted Rivers

†5165. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

SHRIMOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the polluted and most polluted rivers in the country;

(b) the names of the reivers m de pollution free and the expenditure incurred on this project;

(c) action taken by Government to ensure that these rivers would remain pollution free in future; and

(d) the details of the rivers for which external assistance is being provided in making them pollution-free?

THEMINISTEROFSTATEINTHEMIMSTRYOFEhlVIRONMENTAND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDE V) : (a) and (b) The names of the polluted and most polluted rivers of the country which have been included in the National River Conservation Plan for abatement of pollution and details of expenditure incurred on this project are given in the statement *(See* below). The National River Conservation Plan presently covers pollution abatement works in the polluted stretches of 30 rivers along 156 towns in 17 States. Out of the present approved cost of works of Rs. 3965 crore, the sanctioned cost of the projects which are under implementation is Rs. 2405.71 crore. An amount of Rs. 1176 crore has been released to the State agencies against the sanctioned works.

(c) The first phase works of pollution abatement in River Ganga and Yamuna have been completed. In this phase, about 35% pollution of River Ganga and about 70% pollution of Yamuna have been tackled. The second phase works of these rivers and works on the other rivers included in National River Conservation Plan are under implementation.

(d) The Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) had committed financial assistance of Yen 17.77 billion for first phase pollution abatement works of Yamuna. The JBIC has also committed financial assistance of Yen 13.33 billion for the second phase works of Yamuna. The Government of Netherlands has committed financial assistance of Dutch Guilders 51 million for the second phase of pollution abatement works of River Ganga at Kanpur.

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